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Timely information from the Nebraska Library Commission

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Due to recent state budget cuts, the **Nebraska Library Commission will discontinue this publication, *NLCommunicator*.**

This is the final print *NLCommunicator*. We will continue to stay in touch with Nebraska library staff and supporters through Website Announcements (www.nlc.state.ne.us), Blog postings (www.nlc.state.ne.us/blogs/nlc/index.html), and e-mail. We will continue to experiment with ways to use social networking applications, Wikis, Webinars, Twitter, Facebook, IM, etc. (www.nlc.state.ne.us/service/index.html) to improve communication. The *NCompass* newsletter (www.nlc.state.ne.us/publications/index.html.) will continue to be produced in print and distributed by mail.

Gov. Dave Heineman recently appointed **Stephen Batty**, of McCook; and **Diane Boyd**, of South Sioux City, to three-year terms on the **Nebraska Library Commission**. Batty is the chair of the McCook Public Library Board of Trustees and Boyd has served on the South Sioux City Library Board for twenty-five years, serving as president most of that time. For more information see the Library Commission Website, www.nlc.state.ne.us, search on News Release.

The **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** announced partnerships with fourteen states, including Nebraska, to help public libraries compete for federal broadband stimulus funds. States participating in the foundation's Opportunity Online broadband grant program will receive technical and

consulting assistance to develop competitive funding proposals for federal funding from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), established through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Contingent on The Nebraska Library Commission receipt of a BTOP award, the Commission will receive federally-required matching funds from the Gates Foundation. For more information see the Library Commission Website, www.nlc.state.ne.us, search on News Release.

The **Nebraska Public Library Statistical Survey** that gathers data from the 2008-2009 fiscal year is **due February 1, 2010**. Data for this survey are collected through the use of Bibliostat™ Collect, a Web-based program that can be accessed at <http://collect.btol.com>. User names and passwords are the same as those used last year. For additional information, see the Library Commission Website, www.nlc.state.ne.us/statistics/BibliostatCollect.html or contact John Felton, Nebraska Library Commission Planning & Data Services Coordinator, 402-471-3216, 800-307-2665, e-mail: john.felton@nebraska.gov.

Applications for **2010 Nebraska Library Commission Library Improvement grants are due January 6, 2010**. Grant funds are provided under the Library Services and Technology Act program from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Accredited Nebraska public libraries, certain state-run institutional libraries, and Nebraska's Regional Library Systems are eligible to

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apply, as are other organizations in partnership with these entities. For more information see www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/lsta/lsta.html or contact Richard Miller, Nebraska Library Commission Library Development Director, 402-471-3175, 800-307-2665, e-mail: richard.miller@nebraska.gov.

\$31,731 in Youth Grants for Excellence was awarded in December. The Nebraska Library Commission awarded twenty-three grants to Nebraska public libraries and library entities to assist in providing improved services to children and young adults, and to provide continuing education and training opportunities for children and young adult librarians. For more information see the Announcement at www.nlc.state.ne.us.

The Nebraska Library Commission is in the process of reviewing and updating the **Public Library Accreditation Guidelines**. Submit comments and questions on the Library Commission Website, www.nlc.state.ne.us, search on Accreditation Comments.

Readers across the state will celebrate **2010 One Book One Nebraska** by reading *The Home Place*, by Wright Morris. Nebraska libraries are encouraged to host local discussions and readings. Additional information will be available in January 2010. One Book One Nebraska is hosted this year by the Lone Tree Literary Society (www.wrightmorris.org/home.htm) and sponsored by a coalition of organizations including the Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Humanities Council, Nebraska Library Association, Nebraska

Library Commission, and University of Nebraska Press.

The Nebraska Library Commission has again funded a statewide license for **public viewing of motion pictures in Nebraska public libraries**. With this license, through Movie Licensing USA, Inc., motion pictures may be shown as part of library services and programming at the library through September 30, 2010. For more information, contact Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission Children and Young Adult Library Services Coordinator, 402-471-4003 or 800-307-2665; e-mail: sally.snyder@nebraska.gov.

In 2010 the Nebraska Library Commission will continue to host *NCompass Live*, a weekly online Webinar. *NCompass Live* covers Library Commission activities and library topics presented by Library Commission staff and guests. The Wednesday one-hour sessions start at 10:00 a.m. (CT) and include a mixture of presentations, interviews, book reviews, Web tours, mini training sessions, and Q & A sessions. For more information and program schedules, see the Library Commission Website at www.nlc.state.ne.us/NCompass/NCompassLive.asp.

Legislative Day 2010, sponsored by the Nebraska Library Association (NLA), is set for **February 9, 2010**. The luncheon program will honor library volunteers, recognizing them for their involvement with libraries. The afternoon educational program will feature NebraskaMemories.org. To **nominate for the volunteer awards**, librarians are asked to send stories and pictures of library volunteers of all ages to robin.r.clark@gmail.com by **January 20, 2010**.

The Nebraska Book Awards, sponsored by the Nebraska

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Center for the Book and supported by the Nebraska Library Commission, recognizes and honors books written by Nebraska authors, published by Nebraska publishers, set in Nebraska, or relating to Nebraska. The winners of the 2009 Nebraska Book Awards (books published in 2008) were presented at the Nebraska Center for the Book's Annual Meeting and Nebraska Book Festival in Lincoln in November. For more information see www.nlc.state.ne.us/publications/news_releases/0910BooksHonoredbyNCB.html.

The **American Association of School Librarians (AASL)** is currently seeking 60-minute Webinar proposals for a Learning4Life (L4L) series to be held Wednesdays in **April 2010, School Library Media Month**. See www.ala.org/aasl/aaslrfp for more information and to download the application.

The **Nebraska Pharmacists Association** is seeking library partners to host a tabletop display and distribute bookmarks to educate consumers about drug disposal. Displays are available for monthly intervals until June 2010. For more information contact Marcia Mueting, 402-420-1500, e-mail: marcia@npharm.org.

Nebraska libraries and museums are invited to apply for **free NASA space shuttle artifacts**, including small items such as astronaut helmets, gloves, and boots, and large items such as shuttle Motion Based Simulators and Crew Compartment Trainers. The artifacts are free, but eligible recipients must cover shipping and handling fees. For the latest information about NASA shuttle transition and artifacts, see www.nasa.gov/transition.

The **Big Read** application deadline is **February 2, 2010**. Nebraska libraries are encouraged

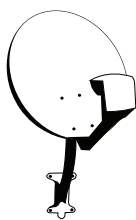
to participate in this initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, in cooperation with Arts Midwest. Request for Proposals can be downloaded at www.NEABigRead.org. For more information contact Arts Midwest, 612-238-8010, or TheBigRead@artsmidwest.org.

Teen Tech Week 2010 is **March 7-13**. This national initiative aimed at teens, librarians, educators, parents, and other concerned adults encourages teens to take advantage of libraries' nonprint resources. The 2010 theme, **Learn Create Share @ your library®**, fosters teen creativity and positions the library as a physical and virtual place for safe exploration of the many types of technology available at libraries, including DVDs, music, gaming, video production, online homework help, social networking, tech workshops, audiobooks, and more. See www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/teentechweek/ttw10/home10.cfm for more information.

The American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office invites Nebraska libraries to **apply by January 29 for the We the People Bookshelf**. ALA, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) will promote the theme, "A More Perfect Union," inviting reflection on the idea of the United States as a "union" and complementing library programs observing the sesquicentennial of the Civil War. For programming ideas and tips, access to the guidelines and application, book titles, and further details, see <http://publicprograms.ala.org/bookshelf> or contact publicprograms@ala.org.

Nebraska libraries are invited to e-mail: John.T.Wiltgen@Census.gov to volunteer to serve as a **2010 Census Library Partner**.

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Join the conversation on the **Library Commission Blog**, see www.nlc.state.ne.us/blogs/NLC/ for more details and further discussion about:

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- **FREE Webinars in January...** The new year brings a strong slate of great Web-delivered programming. The following Webinars are presented by several different organizations or institutions: click on the link to get further information on the content, to register, and to double-check the time...
 - **Nebraska State Historical Society Opening Spring 2010...** Suggestions for preparing for your research trip to the Nebraska State Historical Society...
 - **American Factfinder: Mining the U.S. Census for Information About Your Community...** The U.S. Census Bureau, that source of authoritative demographic information, collects a lot of numbers—and makes them available through their custom Web Interface, American FactFinder...
 - **Google Secrets...** Michael Sauers, Technology Innovation Librarian at the NLC, shares some new Google services, tools and features that can help improve your Internet life...
 - **Join the Nebraska Dewey Group Purchase...** Save money on the print and Web versions of the DDC!
 - **Check out the new Panhandle Library System Website...** We're happy to announce the new Panhandle Library System Website at <http://libraries.ne.gov/pls>, which is the first to be released in Nebraska as part of the Plinkit collaborative...
 - **Sally Reed Shares Information for Library Supporters...** I'm attending the Library Commission's weekly *NCompass Live* session and Sally Reed is sharing tons of information for library boards of trustees, friends groups, foundations, and other library supporters...
 - **Apply for Free Books...** *Chains*, by Laurie Halse Anderson, *Tico and the Golden Wings*, by Leo Lionni, and *Twelve Angry Men*, by Reginald Rose are three of the seventeen titles on the We the People Bookshelf. Public and school (K-12) libraries are invited to apply online through January 29, 2010...
 - **Eight new CC-licensed titles added to our collection...** You can find all of our CC-licensed titles in our collection by searching "creative commons" in our collection. Here's the list of the eight newest titles along with their OCLC record numbers...

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Class	Date: Location
● NCompass Live: The Year in Review	Jan. 6: Online Session
● Dewey Decimal Classification - Session #1	Jan. 7: Online Session
● NCompass Live: Presenting Data in Meaningful and Interesting Ways	Jan. 13: Online Session
● Dewey Decimal Classification - Session #2	Jan. 14: Online Session
● NCompass Live: Behind the Studio Glass: Meet the Volunteers and Staff Who Make Talking Books and Magazines	Jan. 20: Online Session
● Dewey Decimal Classification - Session #3	Jan. 21: Online Session
● NCompass Live: Tech Talk with Michael Sauers	Jan. 27: Online Session
● College of DuPage Teleconference: Making the Best of a Shrinking Budget	Jan. 29: Online Session
● NCompass Live: USDA Funding Opportunities for Rural Libraries	Feb. 3: Online Session

Click on Library Training on the Nebraska Library Commission Website for more Winter 2010 training events

Continuing Education (CE) Credits for the above training events are issued by the Nebraska Library Commission as part of the Nebraska Public Librarian and Board Certification Program.

For more Information about any of the above training events or to register, see the Nebraska Library Commission Training Portal, on the Library Commission Website, www.nlc.state.ne.us, click on Library Training.

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